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SUBJECT: INDIA'S NUCLEAR EXPLOSION: FURTHER PRESS REACTION

1. IN SECOND DAY COVERAGE, MAY 20 DELHI PRESS FEATURED INDIA'S NUCLEAR TEST BELOW OTHER ITEMS WITH NO BANNER HEADLINES. FEW PAPERS COMMENTED EDITORIALY.

2. SEVERAL PAPERS HIGHLIGHTED COMMENT BY DEFENSE MINISTER RAM IMPLYING THE DECISION TO CARRY OUT A "PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSION" WAS TAKEN THREE YEARS AGO. HE SAID THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR ATOMIC ENERGY IN JULY 1971 THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD EXPERIMENT WITH NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR ENGINEERING PURPOSES. RAM REAFFIRMED THAT INDIA WOULD NEVER USE ITS NUCLEAR CAPABILITY FOR MILITARY PURPOSES AND ADDED "OUR ARMED FORCES KNOW THIS IS NOT FOR THEIR USE".

3. THERE WAS FAIRLY EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF FOREIGN REACTION, CANADA'S CRITICAL STATEMENT WAS BRIEFLY REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENT. BHUTTO'S COMMENTS WERE FRONTPAGED BY SOME PAPERS UNDER HEADINGS "THREAT TO PINDI", "BLAST ENDS POSSIBILITY OF NO-PACT WITH INDIA".

4. THE US REACTION RECEIVED MOST ATTENTION WITH INCLUSION OF DETAILED STORIES BY INDIAN WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS. THEY DESCRIBED THE ADMINISTRATION'S REACTION AS MUTED AND CALCULATEDLY IN LOW KEY. ONE PREDICTED A WAVE OF CRITICISM FOLLOWED BY MORE RESPECT FOR INDIA. ANOTHER NOTED US FEARS ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES FOLLOWING INDIA'S TEST MIGHT MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY FINANCIAL AID TO CONGRESS.

5. LEFTIST PATRIOT EDITORIAL SEIZED ON FOREIGN REACTION TO ATTACK US, ADMONISH PAKISTAN, AND DISMISS THE JAPANESE AND AUSTRALIAN DISPLEASURE AS RIDICULOUS. RIGHT-WING MOTHERLAND PLAYED EXTENSIVELY ON INDIA'S EMERGENCE AS A GLOBAL POWER. SCHNEIDER

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